

28 August 1964

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT: Research and Development Review Board

1. The Research and Development Review Board has been functioning under the chairmanship of the Deputy Director for Science and Technology for the past year, during which time it has indulged in a variety of activities. Recently, several members of the Board commented on the broad mandates of the existing charter and expressed a desire to specify several provisions.

2. Agency Regulation HN 1-34 refers to the RDRB as being established primarily for the purpose of "reviewing and interpreting research and development activities, and scientific and technical efforts, in the various agency components concerned." It further states that the Board was to "constitute a reviewing body for the Agency's research and development effort as a whole." During the last meeting of the Board, the members discussed their respective technical reviewing methods. It was pointed out that the only Directorate to have a technical review of a project beyond the project officer, is the DD/S&T. As a result, it was emphasized that the Board should concentrate on providing a final technical-reviewing forum for significant projects voluntarily placed before it. The members, however, concurred that the Board should not act as a final authorizing mechanism for significant scientific projects.

3. The RDRB decided to institute a monthly "executive round-table" session during which time problems of current interest could be discussed. In addition, it was decided to institute a monthly technical seminar which would be attended by charter members and selected invitees. Some of the topics that will be discussed in the near future are

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4. In addition to the RDRB charter, the Board expressed concern about its potential relationship with [REDACTED] Board. Specifically, it was requested that Agency Regulation HN 1-35 be elaborated. This Regulation specifies in part that the RDRB ". . .will provide an effective internal mechanism for discussing and implementing the recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Board which are approved by the Director of Central Intelligence."

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Remarks:

Attached is a rough draft of a memo to General Carter. It was not clear to me whether this was being written for your signature or for mine as a secretariat. I did not write a Paragraph (5) because I was not sure whether or not you were recommending any action to be taken.

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